

# The Shoreline

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Hello everyone,

George Orwell once said... "During times of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

Most of you know, the L.A. Port Police routinely come by the marina in their patrol boats. We're always happy to see them. Today when they came by, I was engaged in conversation with one of our boaters (Mr. Ed Kaufman) and our very own yacht broker, Mr. George Miller. Someone noticed that both officers were wearing Personal Flotation Devices and commented on their importance.

In my lifetime, I've fallen overboard on two occasions while sailing alone. Both times I was aware of the mistake I was about to make, but did it anyway; stupid huh? I was wearing a flotation device, harnessed and far from land. These incidents caused me great fright. I promised never to be so stupid again. So let's talk about life jackets, personal flotation devices, etc.

As boaters, we all enjoy the feel of sun and spray. So it's tempting to boat without wearing a life jacket – especially on nice days. Today, modern life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes & sizes. Many are thin & flexible and others are inflatable. They are as compact as a scarf or fanny pack until they hit water, when they automatically inflate.

## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Life jackets should keep your head above water and face up.
- Boats 16' and over must have at least one throwable flotation device.
- Children should always wear one and they should fit snug.
- Check life jackets yearly. Faded, leaky or waterlogged flotation should be discarded.

## HOW A LIFE JACKETS AND OTHER FLOTATION DEVICES SAVE LIVES.

- When capsized or sinking.
- When falling or thrown from the boat.
- When unable to swim because of heavy or waterlogged clothing

I like the inflatable devices best. They are comfortable to wear and automatically inflate when submerged in water. Remember to have these devices readily accessible and train now and then to put them on quickly.

## REAL NEWS

Mark your calendars for the Cinco de Mayo Street Fair and Business Expo here in Wilmington. Festival will be held May 01 and 02, 2010 between 1:00pm and 10:00pm on Avalon Blvd between Anaheim and Opp Street.

Please provide the office with vendor names and schedule when you are having work done on your boats.

Until next time, be happy it goes fast.

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